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**Press Release**

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*Fourth District Bar Association Law Day Celebration*

Liberty Bell Award Recipient Russ Heller

**Liberty Bell Award Press Release**

Law Day activities are sponsored in conjunction with the American Bar Association's annual recognition of the American Legal System. This annual Law Day program allows the legal profession the opportunity to help the public recognize the role of law in our society, to illustrate how law protects freedom, and to educate about the public's legal rights and responsibilities.

This year one of the activities the 4<sup>th</sup> District Bar Association will celebrate is their annual Liberty Bell Award. This year the 2009 Liberty Bell is being awarded to Mr. Russ Heller, Boise School District, Education Services Center, Boise. Mr. Heller has worked for many years to coordinate the Law Related Education (LRE) activities between the Idaho Law Foundation and the Boise School District faculties and students. He works with LRE Coordinator Carey Shoufler on developing presentations for the annual conference, Law Day events, Lawyers in the Classroom, and other law related instructional events. He finds working as a judge during the Mock Trial finals a true pleasure, and enjoys witnessing the talented, well-prepared students as they argue their cases. In 2008, Mr. Heller received a Service Award for his many hours of service to the Idaho State Bar. He is a board member for Junior Achievement of Idaho, Inc.; Idaho Council on Economic Education; and Frank Church Institute. He is a Trustee and Executive Director for the Idaho Council for History Education; and the Idaho Coordinator of the Gilder Lehrman/Preserve America Program. He is the recipient of several academic and teaching honors, including two Presidential Scholar awards. Russ, and his wife Linda, have one daughter Jordan, a 5th-generation Idahoan who practices law in San Francisco.

For further information about the Liberty Bell Award please contact Jeanne Barker at (208) 334-4500.

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